

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An organic substance removing method of removing an organic substance having an ion-implanted region, from above a substrate by utilization of a plasma of at least an oxygen-containing gas, the method comprising:

the first step of introducing an oxygen-containing gas, a hydrogen-containing gas, and a fluorine-containing gas into a reaction chamber and generating a plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing; and

the second step of introducing an oxygen-containing gas into a reaction chamber without introducing a fluorine-containing gas thereinto, and generating a plasma of the gas introduced into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing.

2. An organic substance removing method of removing an organic substance having an ion-implanted region, from above a substrate by utilization of a plasma of at least an oxygen-containing gas, the method comprising:

the first step of introducing an oxygen-containing gas, a hydrogen-containing gas, and a fluorine-containing gas into a reaction chamber and generating a plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing; and

the second step of introducing a fluorine-containing gas and an oxygen-containing gas into a reaction chamber such that the concentration of the fluorine-containing gas is not more than 0.01 vol%, and  
5 generating a plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing.

3. An organic substance removing method of removing an organic substance having an ion-implanted  
10 region, from above a substrate by utilization of a plasma of at least an oxygen-containing gas, the method comprising:

the first step of introducing an oxygen-containing gas, a hydrogen-containing gas, and a fluorine-  
15 containing gas into a reaction chamber and generating a plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing; and

the second step of introducing a fluorine-containing gas, an oxygen-containing gas, and a  
20 hydrogen-containing gas into a reaction chamber such that the concentration of the fluorine-containing gas is lower than the concentration of the fluorine-containing gas introduced in the first step, and generating a plasma of the gases introduced into the  
25 reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing.

4. An organic substance removing method of

removing an organic substance having an ion-implanted region, from above a substrate by utilization of a plasma of at least an oxygen-containing gas, the method comprising:

5           the first step of introducing an oxygen-containing gas, a hydrogen-containing gas, and a fluorine-containing gas into a reaction chamber and generating a plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing; and

10           the second step of introducing a fluorine-containing gas, an oxygen-containing gas, and a hydrogen-containing gas into a reaction chamber such that the concentration of the hydrogen-containing gas is higher than the concentration of the hydrogen-  
15           containing gas introduced in the first step, and generating a plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing.

5. An organic substance removing method of  
20           removing an organic substance having an ion-implanted region, from above a substrate by utilization of a plasma of at least an oxygen-containing gas, the method comprising:

            the first step of introducing an oxygen-containing  
25           gas, a hydrogen-containing gas, and a fluorine-containing gas into a reaction chamber and generating a plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction

chamber to effect a plasma processing; and

the second step of introducing into a reaction chamber a gas less prone to etch an exposed surface of the substrate than the gases introduced in the first step, and generating a plasma of the gas introduced into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing.

6. The organic substance removing method according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the fluorine-containing gas comprises at least one selected from fluorine gas, a nitrogen fluoride gas, a sulfur fluoride gas, and a carbon fluoride gas.

7. The organic substance removing method according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the hydrogen-containing gas comprises at least one selected from hydrogen gas and a gas of a hydrogen compound.

8. The organic substance removing method according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the density of the plasma in the first step is not less than  $1 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

9. The organic substance removing method according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the heating temperature of the substrate in the first step

is not higher than the heating temperature of the substrate in the second step.

10. The organic substance removing method  
5 according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein in the first step, fluorine is implanted from the plasma into the organic substance having phosphorus, arsenic or boron implanted therein, to effect modification of a surface of the organic substance.

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11. The organic substance removing method  
according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the light emission from the plasma is monitored and the processing is transferred from that of the first step  
15 to that of the second step, based thereon.

12. The organic substance removing method  
according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the elapsed time in the first step is measured and the  
20 processing is transferred from that of the first step to that of the second step, based thereon.

13. The organic substance removing method  
according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein before a  
25 region deteriorated by ion implantation is completely removed in the first step, the processing is transferred from that of the first step to that of the

second step.

14. The organic substance removing method  
according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the  
5 first step and the second step are carried out in a  
common reaction chamber.

15. The organic substance removing method  
according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the  
10 organic substance is a patterned resist.

16. A method of producing a semiconductor device,  
comprising:

the step of forming a patterned organic substance  
15 on a substrate comprising a semiconductor region;  
the step of implanting ions into the semiconductor  
region, utilizing the organic substance as a mask; and  
the organic substance removing step of removing  
the ion-implanted organic substance from above the  
20 substrate by utilization of a plasma of a gas  
containing at least oxygen,

wherein the organic substance removing step  
comprises:

the first step of introducing an oxygen-containing  
25 gas, a hydrogen-containing gas, and a fluorine-  
containing gas into a reaction chamber and generating a  
plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction

chamber to effect a plasma processing; and

the second step of introducing an oxygen-containing gas into a reaction chamber without introducing a fluorine-containing gas thereinto, and  
5 generating a plasma of the gas introduced into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing.

17. A method of producing a semiconductor device,  
10 comprising:

the step of forming a patterned organic substance on a substrate comprising a semiconductor region;

the step of implanting ions into the semiconductor region, utilizing the organic substance as a mask; and

15 an organic substance removing step of removing the ion-implanted organic substance from above the substrate by utilization of a plasma of a gas containing at least oxygen,

wherein the organic substance removing step  
20 comprises:

the first step of introducing an oxygen-containing gas, a hydrogen-containing gas, and a fluorine-containing gas into a reaction chamber and generating a plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction  
25 chamber to effect a plasma processing; and

the second step of introducing a fluorine-containing gas and an oxygen-containing gas into a

reaction chamber such that the concentration of the fluorine-containing gas is not more than 0.01 vol%, and generating a plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing.

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18. A method of producing a semiconductor device, comprising:

the step of forming a patterned organic substance on a substrate comprising a semiconductor region;

10 the step of implanting ions into the semiconductor region, utilizing the organic substance as a mask; and

an organic substance removing step of removing the ion-implanted organic substance from above the substrate by utilization of a plasma of a gas

15 containing at least oxygen,

wherein the organic substance removing step comprises:

the first step of introducing an oxygen-containing gas, a hydrogen-containing gas, and a fluorine-containing gas into a reaction chamber and generating a plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing; and

20 the second step of introducing a fluorine-containing gas, an oxygen-containing gas, and a hydrogen-containing gas into a reaction chamber such that the concentration of the fluorine-containing gas is lower than the concentration of the fluorine-

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containing gas introduced in the first step, and generating a plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing.

5           19. A method of producing a semiconductor device, comprising:

the step of forming a patterned organic substance on a substrate comprising a semiconductor region;

the step of implanting ions into the semiconductor  
10 region, utilizing the organic substance as a mask; and

an organic substance removing step of removing the ion-implanted organic substance from above the substrate by utilization of a plasma of a gas containing at least oxygen,

15 wherein the organic substance removing step comprises:

the first step of introducing an oxygen-containing gas, a hydrogen-containing gas, and a fluorine-containing gas into a reaction chamber and generating a  
20 plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing; and

the second step of introducing a fluorine-containing gas, an oxygen-containing gas, and a hydrogen-containing gas into a reaction chamber such  
25 that the concentration of the hydrogen-containing gas is higher than the concentration of the hydrogen-containing gas introduced in the first step, and

generating a plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing.

20. A method of producing a semiconductor device,  
5 comprising:

the step of forming a patterned organic substance on a substrate comprising a semiconductor region;

the step of implanting ions into the semiconductor region, utilizing the organic substance as a mask; and

10 an organic substance removing step of removing the ion-implanted organic substance from above the substrate by utilization of a plasma of a gas containing at least oxygen,

wherein the organic substance removing step  
15 comprises:

the first step of introducing an oxygen-containing gas, a hydrogen-containing gas, and a fluorine-containing gas into a reaction chamber and generating a plasma of the gases introduced into the reaction  
20 chamber to effect a plasma processing; and

the second step of introducing into a reaction chamber a gas less prone to etch an exposed surface of the substrate than the gases introduced in the first step, and generating a plasma of the gas introduced  
25 into the reaction chamber to effect a plasma processing.

21. The method according to any one of Claims 16 to 20, wherein the fluorine-containing gas comprises at least one selected from fluorine gas, a nitrogen fluoride gas, a sulfur fluoride gas, and a carbon fluoride gas.

22. The method according to any one of Claims 16 to 20, wherein the hydrogen-containing gas comprises at least one selected from hydrogen gas and a gas of a hydrogen compound.

23. The method according to any one of Claims 16 to 20, wherein the density of the plasma in the first step is not less than  $1 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

24. The method according to any one of Claims 16 to 20, wherein the heating temperature of the substrate in the first step is not higher than the heating temperature of the substrate in the second step.

25. The method according to any one of Claims 16 to 20, wherein in the first step, fluorine is implanted from the plasma into the organic substance having phosphorus, arsenic or boron implanted thereinto, to effect modification of a surface of the organic substance.

26. The method according to any one of Claims 16  
to 20, wherein the light emission from the plasma is  
monitored and the processing is transferred from that  
of the first step to that of the second step, based  
5 thereon.

27. The method according to any one of Claims 16  
to 20, wherein the elapsed time in the first step is  
measured and the processing is transferred from that of  
10 the first step to that of the second step, based  
thereon.

28. The method according to any one of Claims 16  
to 20, wherein before a region deteriorated by ion  
15 implantation is completely removed in the first step,  
the processing is transferred from that of the first  
step to that of the second step.

29. The method according to any one of Claims 16  
20 to 20, wherein the first step and the second step are  
carried out in a common reaction chamber.

30. The method according to any one of Claims 16  
to 20, wherein the organic substance is a resist  
25 comprised of a photosensitive resin.

31. The method according to any one of Claims 16

to 20, wherein the substrate comprises a surface comprised of at least one selected from silicon or a silicon compound, exposed out from the organic substance.

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32. An organic substance removing apparatus for removing an organic substance having an ion-implanted region, from a substrate, comprising:

a vessel;

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means for evacuating the vessel;

a gas introducing system for introducing a gas containing oxygen, hydrogen, and fluorine into the vessel;

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a control device for controlling the gas introducing system; and

a power supply for supplying an electric energy for inducing a plasma of the gas introduced into the vessel,

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wherein the control device sets the gas introducing system in a first mode of introducing an oxygen-containing gas, a hydrogen-containing gas, and a fluorine-containing gas into a reaction chamber and then, after lapse of a predetermined time thereafter, transfers the gas introducing system into a second mode selected from four modes of:

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1) a mode of introducing an oxygen-containing gas into a reaction chamber without introducing a fluorine-

containing gas thereinto;

2) a mode of introducing a fluorine-containing gas and an oxygen-containing gas into a reaction chamber such that the concentration of the fluorine-containing gas is not more than 0.01 vol%;

3) a mode of introducing a fluorine-containing gas, an oxygen-containing gas, and a hydrogen-containing gas into a reaction chamber such that the concentration of the fluorine-containing gas is lower than the concentration of the fluorine-containing gas introduced in the first mode; and

4) a mode of introducing a fluorine-containing gas, an oxygen-containing gas, and a hydrogen-containing gas such that the concentration of the hydrogen-containing gas is higher than the concentration of the hydrogen-containing gas introduced in the first mode.

33. An organic substance removing apparatus for removing an organic substance having an ion-implanted region, from a substrate, comprising:

a vessel;

means for evacuating the vessel;

a gas introducing system for introducing a gas containing oxygen, hydrogen, and fluorine into the vessel;

a control device for controlling the gas

introducing system; and

a power supply for supplying an electric energy  
for inducing a plasma of the gas introduced into the  
vessel,

- 5            wherein the control device sets the gas  
introducing system in a first mode of introducing an  
oxygen-containing gas, a hydrogen-containing gas, and a  
fluorine-containing gas into a reaction chamber and  
then, after lapse of a predetermined time thereafter,  
10          transfers the gas introducing system into a second mode  
of introducing into a reaction chamber a gas less prone  
to etch an exposed surface of the substrate than the  
gases introduced in the first mode.